

**Weekly Status & Information Report:
Week of March 19 - March 23, 2007**

- 1. Traffic Calming Project (Ward 2):** The work continues on Elm Avenue at Auburn Avenue and Lincoln Avenue. The addition of sidewalk is completed and the traffic circle will be constructed next week. Repaving of Elm Avenue from Rt. 410 to Devonshire Avenue is scheduled in early April. *(Public Works)*
- 2. New Police Graduates:** On March 22, Cadets Jordon and Robinson graduated from the University of Maryland Police Academy. The Takoma Park Police Honor Guard presented the National and State Colors at the ceremony. Chief Ricucci, Capt. Coursey, Lt. Collington, Lt. Cipperly and a contingent of officers and civilian members were in attendance. *(Police)*
- 3. Public Forum on Improvements to M-NCPPC Parks:** The Montgomery County Planning Board will hold a public forum on the Parks Capital Improvement Program on Thursday, March 29 at 7 pm. This is an opportunity to voice your opinions on improvements to Park and Planning-owned parks. To sign up to testify, call 301-495-2511 or e-mail patsy.hedrick@mncppc.org. To submit testimony by e-mail, send comments to mcp-chairman@mncppc.org. *(Community & Government Liaison)*
- 4. Public Hearings on the County's FY08 Budget:** The County Council is beginning to review the County Executive's proposed budget. Several public hearings dates have been set. Call 240-777-7931 to sign up to speak at one of these times: April 9, 7 pm; April 10, 7 pm; April 11, 1:30 pm or 7 pm; or April 16, 7 pm. *(Community & Government Liaison)*
- 5. Transportation Planning Board's Transportation and Land Use Connections Grant Awards (City-Wide):** The Metropolitan Washington Area Council of Governments awarded the City of Takoma Park consultant services to develop a City specific presentation/workshop that assists neighborhoods in recognizing, measuring, and evaluating new development following smart growth principles. This presentation will be aimed at areas with high potential for redevelopment, including Takoma/Langley Park, Ethan Allen Gateway, and Maryland Gateway. The Maryland- National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Montgomery County and Prince George's County also received consulting services to conduct a pedestrian safety study of the Takoma/Langley Crossroads area in preparation for the Takoma/Langley Crossroads sector plan process. *(Housing and Community Development)*
- 6. Master Plan Workshops (Wards 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6):** The Housing and Community Development Department will continue its series of Master Plan workshops throughout the month of April. The workshops are designed to provide residents and business owners with an opportunity to review the vision of the 2000 Takoma Park Master Plan and to identify potential small scale improvements for specific commercial areas. The workshops planned for the next month include the following:
 - Sligo Creek and New Hampshire Avenue: Tuesday, March 27 - 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 PM at the New Hampshire Avenue Community Center (7315 New Hampshire Avenue). Meal will be provided.
 - Maryland Gateway: Saturday, March 31 - 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 AM at 6411 Orchard Avenue.
 - Maple Avenue: Thursday, April 5th - 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. at the Takoma Park

Community Center in the Azalea Room (7500 Maple Avenue) Meal will be provided.

- Old Takoma: Tuesday, April 10th - 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M., location to be announced.

For more information, please contact Ilona Blanchard at (301) 891-7205. *(Housing and Community Development)*

7. Neighborhood Meeting (Ward 6): Councilmember Doug Barry, City Manager Barb Matthews, Chief Ron Ricucci, and HCD Director Sara Anne Daines met with the Hampshire Gardens and Hillwood Manor neighborhood associations on Thursday, March 22, providing updates on the development of the FY08 budget, current policing practices, code enforcement efforts and planned activities along New Hampshire Avenue. *(Housing and Community Development)*

8. Landlord Certification Seminar (City-wide): The April Landlord Certification seminar was held on Thursday, March 22 at 9:00 A.M. with 13 landlords, management agents, and prospective landlords attending the required 90 minute session. Over half - 55% - represented buildings with a single rental unit. Those attending the seminar received their certification, a requirement which must be satisfied prior to the issuance of a rental housing licenses. The Certificates remain valid for a period of three years. *(Housing and Community Development)*

9. First Time Home Buyer Seminars (City-wide): The City will be conducting two "First Time Home Buyer" Seminars this spring. The first, to be conducted in Spanish, will take place on Saturday, April 14, from 8:30 A.M. -1:30 P.M. at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. On May 19, at the same location and time, the seminar will be conducted in English. For further information or to register for either seminar, please call Linda Walker at 301.891.7222. *(Housing and Community Development)*

10. Tenant Association Summit To Be Held April 21 (City-wide): Tenant Associations and all tenants interested in forming a tenant association are invited to attend the second Tenant Association Summit, which will be held on April 21 from 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. at the Takoma Park Community Center. The City's community organizers have assisted many tenants in the past few years to organize their own associations, so this is the right place and time for you to meet with other tenants to discuss issues of common concern. Interested parties can contact Linda Walker at 301.891.7222 to register or to obtain more information. *(Housing and Community Development)*

11. The Chief & Other Officers in Meetings: On March 20, Chief Ricucci and Capt. Coursey met with Commander Burton, Station Commander, D.C. Metropolitan Police Det. 4th District to establish relationships with both agencies to further advance cross jurisdictional initiatives. Also on this date, the Chief met with members of the Ritchie Ave Citizens Association to address their concerns relating to community issues. On March 22, Chief Ricucci attended the Montgomery County Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission meeting. Also on this date, the Chief attended the New Hampshire Estates Citizens Association meeting. *(Police)*

12. Officers in Training: On March 20, Sgt Hammond, Sgt Frishkorn and A/Sgt. Poole attended training titled "Domestic Violence and Fire Arms Training" at the Prince George's County Municipal Academy. *(Police)*

13. **Traffic Enforcement (Wards 3 and 4):** Officers conducted at least 127 traffic stops this week, 99 of which ended in written citations, and 3 impounds. More than half of the stops were made on New Hampshire and Carroll Avenues and East West Highway. *(Police)*

14. **Stormwater Maintenance:** The TV inspection and cleaning of 1/3 of the City's stormwater structures is completed for this year. *(Public Works)*

15. **Mulch Delivery:** City mulch delivery will be available on Fridays from March 30 until the supply is depleted. Call Public Works to schedule a delivery at (301) 891-7615. The cost is \$45 for a three yard load and \$65 for a 7 or 10 yard load. Mulch is available free for pick up at the Public Works yard at 31 Oswego Avenue. The mulch is made from the ground leaves collected throughout the City in the Fall Leaf Collection program. *(Public Works)*

16. **At the Movies:** On Friday, March 16, Takoma Park Recreation Department had 4 families brave the weather to attend our Family Movie night in the Auditorium. They enjoyed popcorn and juice while watching "Madagascar" on the big screen. The next family movie night is scheduled for April 20th at 7 p.m. in which the movie "Rugrats in Paris" will be shown. *(Recreation)*